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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Sirs:

I understand you are planning to issue a rule on the 18th that will allow food manufacturers to sell irradiated food without a label stating that it has been irradiated--Docket #98N-1038.

I urge you to extend the comment period beyond the 18th.

I also urge you not to issue that ruling. As a consumer, I wish to know if the food I eat has or has not been treated with radiation. I am also concerned that irradiation will excuse processors to rely upon radiation for food safety and take less precautions in the processing of food.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

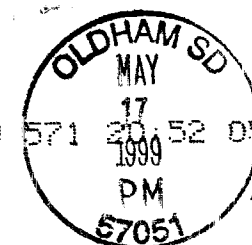
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